



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Hunting

## *Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge*

### Hunting

Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge has two public hunting areas. The Pelton Lake Public Hunting Area on the east end of the refuge is accessible from Chinquapin Road or by boat. The Matthes Field Public Waterfowl Hunting Area is located at the north end of the refuge along Chinquapin Road. This 200-acre area is primarily for goose hunting. Dredge disposal areas along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway are not open for public hunting due to safety hazards.

### Hunting Regulations

Waterfowl hunting is allowed daily at Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations on areas posted as open to hunting and as shown on the map on the reverse side of this pamphlet.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations that govern hunting on National Wildlife Refuges set forth in Title 50, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

#### *We allow:*

- Use of the area on a first come, first served basis.
- hunting of ducks, geese, and coots.
- Use of retriever dogs, which must be under the control of the handler at all times.

#### *We require:*

- No special permit is needed to hunt in the public waterfowl hunting areas.
- Vehicles must park in designated parking areas only.
- Removal of decoys and portable blinds daily upon cessation of hunting.
- Shotguns to be unloaded and cased or broken down when transported in vehicles.
- Use of nontoxic shot.
- Hunters must maintain a safe and courteous distance from other parties.
- Hunters to carry out their empty shells and trash.

#### *We prohibit:*

- Shooting or hunting of all animals except ducks, geese, and coots.
- Hunting from or use of permanent blinds.
- Possession of lead shot.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on refuge lands/waters.
- Off road vehicle travel or ATV use on the refuge.
- Target shooting or target practice.
- Dog training—with or without the use of firearms.

To reach Big Boggy NWR - from the Highway 60 and FM 521 intersection in Wadsworth, drive east on FM 521 for 2.9 miles to Chinquapin Road. Turn right, travel on Chinquapin Road for 7 miles to the refuge, look for refuge hunting signs on the right.

### For Further Information

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# Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge

Refuge

Hunt Area

Refuge Boundary

Gravel Road

Parking

Boat Ramp

